

US PEACE CORPS: BACK-UP MEDICAL PROVIDER

The United States Peace Corps Georgia seeks a part-time back-up physician (back-up provider) to support Peace Corps Medical Officers (PCMOs) in providing medical services for Peace Corps Volunteers / Trainees (V/T). Peace Corps Georgia has approximately 120 Volunteers in country at any time.

POSITION FUNCTION: Backup medical services will be required during the absence of PCMOs on temporary assignments, provide periodic weekend on call services and on an as needed basis to both scheduled and unscheduled events requiring medical expertise and services. The back-up provider will be given training on managing Peace Corps medical service delivery by the PCMOs. It is expected that the back-up provider will be able to work independently.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The back-up provider shall provide direct patient care, referrals to outside medical consultants or facilities, i.e. hospital or emergency department, depending on the specific in-country arrangements, and assist with administrative duties and health education when indicated. The back-up provider shall be available around-the-clock by telephone or be present in the Health Unit. Written documentation that describes the consultation with a V/T, care and treatment prescribed/provided, and diagnoses must be provided to the Peace Corps Health Unit.

The back-up provider will be required report V/T medical status to the Office of Health Services in Washington DC. Typical medical information may include: Recent history and working diagnosis • Vital signs, laboratory and imaging studies • Initial plan of care • Safety and location of Volunteer, including capabilities of the health care facilities • Potential need to move V/T and plan of action if necessary • Written documentation that describes the consultation with a V/T care and treatment prescribed/provided, and diagnoses must be provided to the Health Unit • Follow-up plans to PCMOs. The back-up provider medical support will include mental health assessments as required.

As required, the back-up provider will be available to escort V/Ts in a timely manner to local hospitals for follow-up medical care (diagnosis or treatment) and oversee the care provided to hospitalized V/Ts and notify the Country Director when any significant situations arise.

The back-up provider shall be available to provided support for approximately 20 days on an annual basis; as required service beyond this anticipated scope may be authorized up to a maximum of 30 days per year, as follows:

- 7 days – provide coverage during week-long annual Medical conference (exact dates are determined by year)
- 8 days – provide coverage during one weekend per quarter (four times per year)
- 5 days – provide ancillary medical coverage during annual Volunteer intake exams (usually in the April time frame)
- 10 days – Provide coverage as needed and authorized.

REQUIREMENTS: The required skill level for the back-up provider shall be a qualified and licensed physician. Copies of Documents will be reviewed.

The selected candidate for back-up provider shall have the following characteristics:

- Medical University Education, MD Diploma
- Physician with a minimum of 12 years' experience
- Professional qualification and experience in General Practice, Surgery, and Emergency Medicine.
- Admitting privileges at the American Hospital/US Embassy proofed Medical Facility
- Access to consultative office and facilities for patient consultation and examinations.
- Excellent spoken and written English
- Previous experience treating American patients, preferred
- Experience of providing care to volunteers, preferred
- Ability to receive US Embassy security clearance

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Copy of MD Diploma
- Copy of License/state certificate in the field of medicine mentioned above.
- PC Application Form
- CV in English (including references)
- Cover/Motivation letter in English

Interested candidates must send electronic copies of the above documentation to vacancy@ge.peacecorps.gov by 18 September 2016. Only qualified candidates will be contacted for interview.